

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

18 (Currently amended). A multistage process for filtering impurities from a liquid, said process ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of the steps of:

supplying liquid to a filter;

removing at least a portion of the microorganisms from said liquid supply in a first filtering step; and

then removing at least a portion of the organics and other non-biological components in a second filtering step using activated carbon.

19 (Original). A multistage liquid filtration process as recited in claim 18, wherein said first filtering step is accomplished using a meltblown web.

20 (Original). A multistage liquid filtration process as recited in claim 18, wherein said first filtering step is accomplished using a microfiber glass web.

21 (Original). A multistage liquid filtration process as recited in claim 18, wherein said first filtering step is accomplished using a charge-modified microfiber glass web.

22 (Original). A multistage process for liquid filtration as recited in claim 21, wherein said filtering steps are conducted at the point of use for a water supply.

23 (Original). A multistage process for liquid filtration as recited in claim 18, wherein said filtering steps are conducted at the point of use for a water supply.

24 (Currently amended). ~~A multistage liquid filtration process as recited in claim 48~~ A multistage process for filtering impurities from a liquid, said process comprising the steps of:

supplying liquid to a filter;

removing at least a portion of the microorganisms from said liquid supply in a first filtering step; and

then removing at least a portion of the organics and other non-biological components in a second filtering step using activated carbon, further comprising a third filtering step that removes sediments and some organics prior in flow to said second filtering step.

25 (Original). A multistage process for liquid filtration as recited in claim 24, wherein said filtering steps are conducted at the point of use for a water supply.

26 (Original). A multistage liquid filtration process as recited in claim 24, wherein said third filtering step is accomplished using a microfiber glass web.

27 (Original). A multistage liquid filtration process as recited in claim 24 wherein said third filtering step occurs before said first filtering step.

28 (Original). A multistage liquid filtration process as recited in claim 27 wherein said third filtering step occurs after said first filtering step.

29 (Original). A multistage liquid filtration process as recited in claim 18 wherein said liquid is water.